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Our Case No. 10893/4

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Antonio Vazquez Lopez et al.

Serial No.: 09/998,251

Filed: November 30, 2001

For: SECURITY SYSTEM FOR  
COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS VIA  
THE INTERNET OR OTHER  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit: 2131

## STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants filed the above-referenced patent application on November 30, 2001, but to date, no office action has been received for this application. Please advise the undersigned attorney when the Patent and Trademark Office will act on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Status Inquiry (1p.)  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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*Sept. 7, 2004*  
Date

Respectfully submitted,

*Vincent J. Gnoffo*  
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